COCHIN
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (A. F. W. DIXON Esq., I.C.S.), in the Chair.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar was absent.

SWEARING IN

The Hon'ble President and Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (Secretary to Government) were sworn in

OPENING SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President:

Hon'ble Members of the Cochin Legislative Council,

I have very great pleasure in extending to you all a warm welcome to this meeting of the Council. The agenda before us is lengthy, and I would crave the hon'ble members of all sections of the House to extend to me their support in the discharge of the onerous duties of the Chair, in order that the business before the House may be disposed of smoothly and efficiently, and to the best advantage of the State.

2. The State is recovering gradually from the effects of the cyclone. The prompt and comprehensive measures taken by the Government for immediate relief of sufferers to which reference was made in the Budget speech did much to mitigate the hardship caused. Every effort is being made to expedite the disbursement of loans, and enquiry into the question of the amount of land revenue remission to be granted is nearing completion.

3. Landless labourers in some parts of the State have suffered due to a variety of causes of which the cyclone is only one. Government propose to examine various possible methods of providing more employment in the State.

4. Hon'ble members would have noticed with satisfaction in the latest issue of the Gazette, a Proclamation temporarily staying

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